

THE Sultan of Johore—Mr Baker of Brighton—is sick.

THE O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses* left Singapore this morning. She may be expected here on or about 8th inst.

On the steamship *Glenavon*, which arrived here to-day from Singapore, there were two cases of theft among the Chinese deck passengers, one on the 27th September and one at an early hour this morning. Both offenders were brought before Mr Woodhouse at the Magistracy to-day and sent to gaol for six months.

YESTERDAY morning a cow was found with two teats cut off, at the Yaumati dairy farm kept by Peer Bux. A colic who was dismissed from the farm a day or two ago is suspected of having done the cruel act in revenge. He was arrested and brought up to-day before the Magistrate, who remanded the case for a week.

A moxal lost uncovered by a drainage contractor at the front of No. 33, Queen's Road West, was found last night by Inspector Kemp without adequate or in fact any protection. The contractor, U

Sing Lung, was brought before Mr Wodehouse at the Magistracy to-day and fined \$410 for jeopardising the public safety.

The *Katzen* Orient of Sep. 23 says—"The 'Charbonnages' Company is nearing the end of its difficulties; Mr Châtalet left Hongkong for Paris by the last mail to ratify the agreements which will restore to the company all the vitality it has lost for the time. Mr Châtalet has not gone; we believe he has intended to go, but has given up the idea."

It is not often that one reads of any company being desirous of entering a goal, but Sing

gauge papers to hand report a successful burglary in the Singapore Gaol. This the second time the feat has been accomplished in a few years. Eluding the sentries the burglars forced their way into the thelacher's quarters, entered the matron's rooms, and stole a gold brooch and a bunch of keys. The thieves escaped.

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CRUELTY to animals is a very common pastime in Hongkong, and is rarely punished. Last week a cow, supposed to be dead, was taken on a cart (with a burial order from the Colonial Vet.) and was handled roughly as a lot of wood, though it was

plainly alive all the time. Inspector Moore, of the Sanitary Board, saw the animal being cruelly knocked about; and prosecuted the coolies in charge; it was proved that the animal was head downwards on the cart, bumping along the road, and that the coolies could not help knowing; but the case was dismissed, as a warning to most dilettante people not to bring cases into the court and cause bother.

on arrival at Singapore on the 24th ult. The *Telmachus*, from Jeddah and Penang upon arrival at Singapore on the 23rd ult. went into quarantine anchorage at the Chief Officer, Chief Engineer, the boatswain and a lamp-trimmer, all European, and one Hadji, being ill with small-pox. She had on board 250 pilgrims and one passenger for Soerabaya, M. J. Veeberheist. The passengers and the sick portion of the crew were to be landed at St. John's Island.

newspapers straight in matters not strictly confined to Tientsin or Peking. Some time ago, the *Shanghai Mercury* wrote: 'Fools tread, the proverb says, where angels fear to follow.' The blunder was an obvious one, and the writer of 'Tientsin Notes' promptly stated that this was Pope who said, in his 'Essay on Criticism,' 'For fools tread where angels fear to tread.' What we suppose it was the same note-writer who supplied our contemporary with the information that 'Mrs Bird-Bishop—the well-known lady author—read a paper at the Tientsin Public Library describing 'Tibet' in Thibet.' For our part, we think 'Mr

'Bird-Bishop' would have established, with sufficient certainty, the sex of the writer without assuring us that she was a 'lady authoress', a phrase which is in itself also redundant. 'Mrs Bird-Bishop, lady authoress'!

According to several Imperial edicts dated the 29th and 30th ult, which were wired from Peking to the *Chinese Mail* (Yah. 2, 2) yesterday, Prince Kung has been appointed, at the desire of the Emperor Dowager, President of the Tsung Yamén and Chief Director of the Administration, and ex-officio a coadjutor with Hung Chang in the war operations.

consideration of the state of his health he has been relieved of his sacrificial duties and attendance in the inner court (Prince Kung, it will be remembered, is the uncle of the Emperor, and was once before President of the Tsung Li Yamen, retiring from service after the Franco-Chinese War in 1884, through weakness of health). The same paper has received another Peking telegram stating that General Sung Ching, who was recently ordered to assist in the management of the Poyang Army, is now being again instructed to be the Commander-in-chief of the whole Chinese Army. As General Sung has now arrived at Shingking (Moukden) he will have the whole army of all divisions at present detached, both in Corea and the Feng Tien Province, under his control.

